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King opens military hospital

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday opened a new armed forces hospital. He was accompanied by President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire who is visiting the country. Prince Abdullah second deputy premier, Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, Prince Salman governor of Riyadh and several other dignitaries.

Addressing the guests, Brig. Gen. Reza Hassan Khalifa, director general of medical services in the armed forces said the hospital, which has 330 beds and cost SR153 million, was only the first step of an ambitious plan to provide outstanding medical facilities for the Saudi armed forces. It is part of a comprehensive medical center for the armed forces in Riyadh and the military industries in Al-Kharj.

The scheme includes the latest methods and machines, a helicopter ambulance service, a network of computerized data banks and comprehensive medical care through constant contact with international medical centers.

The total cost of medical installations should be SR1,200 million while the cost of operating the Riyadh and Kharij projects will be nearly SR1,600 million.

King Khaled and other guests were later shown a film of the entire project before going on a guided tour of the hospital sections and the officers' club.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief of staff of the armed forces Gen. Othman Al-Humaid said it was a great honor for all the forces to be able to meet with King Khaled. He said the new officers' club was part of the effort to train and build the individual soldier "who forms the spinal cord of the armed forces."



NEW HOSPITAL: King Khaled with Army officers Tuesday visiting the new hospital.

36 pilots receive wings at King Faisal Academy



AWARDS TROPHY: Minister of Defense Prince Sultan awarding a trophy to a new pilot Tuesday.

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Thirty six pilots graduated from the King Faisal's Air Academy Tuesday at a special ceremony attended by Defense

and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, the Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid and the Saudi Royal Air Force Commander Gen. Asaad Al-Zuhair.

and the commander of the Academy Lt.-Gen. Muhammad Sabri.

Speaking on the occasion Sabri said that some of the new graduates were Bahraini, Qatari and North Yemeni pilots who had trained at the academy as part of the academy's service to other Arab countries.

The air academy, Sabri said, has trained a large number of pilots for combat roles while others took up training and teaching assignments.

In addition to pilots, the academy trains and teaches other cadets who later carry out various important support missions in the air force.

After the graduates had taken the oath of their loyalty, they were handed their certificates by Prince Sultan who expressed his appreciation of their work and said "it is a source of pride to see Saudi young men choose to serve their God, King and country." Prince Sultan urged Saudi

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Khaled, Mobuto open official talks

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Formal talks began here Tuesday between King Khaled and visiting President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire on boosting bilateral relations. It was announced here.

At an earlier meeting Tuesday, President Mobutu awarded King Khaled Zaire's Leopold Medal.

The Saudi side at the talks included Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, the defense and aviation minister, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, the finance minister, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, the King's personal adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Matar.

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Diplomatic sources said troops roamed the battered streets, smashing the windows of stores displaying portraits

of Ayatullah Khomeini, leader of the year-long campaign to topple the 59-year-old monarch.

Tehran Calm

Tehran was calm Tuesday. But heavily armed troops and tanks, pulled out of central Tehran for two days to give the opposition uncontested control of the section to avoid a bloody confrontation, returned in force to prevent further protests.

Squads of soldiers set up (Continued on back page)

40 reported killed in Isfahan clashes

TEHRAN, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Two days of fierce street battles between troops and anti-Shah protesters have killed at least 40 persons and wounded more than 200 in Isfahan, Iran's second city, reliable medical sources reported Tuesday.

The sources said the five hospitals in the city were packed with casualties, many of them in serious condition.

The sources reported more than 20 of the persons slain by heavy gunfire were killed Monday when rioting broke out after a religious demonstration.

Diplomatic sources said troops had opened fire on rioting demonstrators from helicopters hovering over the mob, but a government spokesman firmly denied the report.

"It is absolutely ridiculous, utter nonsense," the official said.

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Vance, Sadat have new peace formula

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (AP) — The United States and Egypt decided Tuesday night on a new formula to present to Israel to overcome two key obstacles to a Middle East peace treaty.

Egyptian sources indicated, however, that acceptance by Israel was highly problematic. "This will prolong the negotiations," one high official said.

The formula — described as "new ideas" — was worked out at a 70 minute meeting between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Vance is flying to Israel Wednesday morning to try to sell the package to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. In a brief exchange with reporters outside his residence, Sadat said Vance would return to Egypt at an unspecified date.

So far, Begin has objected to any "linkage" in a treaty with Egypt to Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza.

The dispute is one of the (Continued on back page)

Carter expects Shah to remain in power

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — President Carter said Tuesday he expected the Shah to maintain power in Iran and deplored statements made by foreign nations which he said were exacerbating the violence in Iranian cities.

Mideast

Carter told a press conference here that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance had reported good progress in his talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Leonid Brezhnev will meet to conclude the present deadlock in peace negotiations with Israel.

Carter said he understood President Sadat was prepared to conclude negotiations without further delay and he hoped the Israelis would have the same attitude.

The president stressed the importance he attached to the Dec. 17 target date — now only five days away — for concluding an Israeli-Egyptian treaty and said that ignoring the deadline would set a bad precedent.

Carter said that the differences now facing the two sides were minor compared with those of the past.

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Carter said the United States is trying to persuade OPEC countries that any increase in the price of oil must be "minimal" for OPEC's

own good and the good of the world economy.

"Most of our problems with the adverse trade balance can be attributed to oil," Carter said.

SALT Progress

Carter said "good progress" is being made toward reaching a strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union, but issues remain to be resolved before he and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev will meet to conclude a treaty. (See story on page 14).

"As we approach a time when we are sure the items have been resolved that are still under negotiation, at that time we will have a summit meeting," Carter told a nationally broadcast news conference.

On the possibility of a summit meeting with Brezhnev, Carter said they would use the opportunity to discuss the whole range of issues involved in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Carter was asked about reports that an agreement is imminent and could be reached at an upcoming meeting between Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"We've made good progress on SALT," Carter said. "I can't say that we've reached agreement."

He said a joint statement on

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French leaders back Hussein's M.E. stand

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan held a second and final round of Middle East talks with French leaders Tuesday during which his hosts endorsed his opposition to any separate peace accord with Israel.

Hussein first lunched with newly-named Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet before meeting for the second time with President Valery Giscard d'E斯塔ing at the Elysee Palace.

Hussein already conferred with Giscard Monday and resumed discussion of Middle East problems with the president at their gala dinner at the Elysee Palace.

Diplomats said Giscard was sure to respond favorably to Hussein's plea that France use its diplomatic influence so that Jordan's position is endorsed by all European community partners.

Hussein will complete Wednesday his three-day working visit in France whose government is trying hard to play a major role in the Middle East peace-making process though it has been so far largely confined to Israel, Egypt and the United States.

Giscard's remarks echoing largely Hussein's views might further cool France's relations with Israel, diplomats said.

They said, however, that Hussein's and Giscard's insistence on a global settlement

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Arab oil producers aiming at greater marketing role

ABU DHABI, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Arab oil ministers Tuesday agreed to set up high-ranking study committees as a first step in a possible move to gain more control of the refining and marketing aspects of the industry now largely monopolized by the industrialized West.

The decision was made at the end of a one-day meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) in Abu Dhabi.

The 10-member conference was a prelude to the larger ministerial meeting of the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) scheduled to begin Saturday in Abu Dhabi.

A statement issued by the OAPEC council said the ministers "discussed a joint Arab refining policy and decided to form a high-ranking committee to carry out studies and to

make recommendations about this matter."

The statement, reported by the Emirates News Agency, also said the ministers agreed to conduct a study on the economic use of a planned drydock in one of the member states overlooking the Mediterranean.

The question of an oil price increase was not part of the formal OAPEC agenda but the issue had been expected to be discussed informally as the Arab ministers prepared for the larger OPEC meeting.

Meanwhile, Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani returned to Riyadh after the day's meeting.

Sheikh Ahmad was expected to return here in time for Saturday's OPEC conference.

Meanwhile Iraq and Syria Tuesday vetoed the appointment of an Egyptian assistant to the secretary-general of

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Kingdom adds 80 firms to blacklist

By A Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — Over eighty companies have been blacklisted by Saudi Arabia under the Arab boycott of Israel, the Ministry of Commerce announced this week.

In a statement published in the latest issue of the official gazette, the ministry named over 20 American and five British companies to the blacklist.

The U.S. companies included Nabisco Inc., Garlock Inc. of Rochester, N.Y. and 13 affiliates, Soliton Devices Inc. and its subsidiaries, Sweets Inc. and Gemprint Ltd. and their subsidiaries.

Among the British firms were Gestetner Holdings Ltd. and U.K. subsidiaries of the American listings.

Also included in the list were a group of Indian textile mills receiving technical assistance from the blacklisted American company Cluett Peabody and Co. Ltd., the World Investment Corp. of Japan, Jisa Holdings S.A. of Switzerland and its subsidiaries and firms from Iran, Turkey, Romania, Malta, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, Denmark and Liechtenstein.

Full list will be published in "Saudi Business" Thursday.

New fees set for clinics

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Hospitals and private clinics are now obliged to display a new list of medical examination fee approved by the Ministry of Health, "Okaz" reported Tuesday.

Ministry teams will inspect clinics and violations will be penalized, the paper said. The following fees may be charged for examination by:

— General physician	SR 30
— Second specialist with one or two diplomas	" 50
— First specialist with a doctorate, fellowship or master's degree	" 70
— Consulting physician or university associate with 10 years' experience	" 100
— Specialist with one or two diplomas and experience	" 40
— First specialist with a doctorate and two years' experience	" 60
— Dentist	" 20

will be awarded shortly, the Directorate General for Roads in Jeddah said Tuesday.

The contract will cover the stretch from the port to Kilo 12 the construction of a flyover to carry the 32-meter broad road from Jeddah port to Kilo 12. The road will have three-meter shoulders on each side and a 20-meter wide central reservation.

Contracts have been awarded for the other four sections of the road. The stage from Kilo 12 to Kilo 20.5 was let three months ago and will be completed in about 30 months for a total cost of SR99 million.

Work is going on the third stage to Kilo 40 and will begin shortly on the fourth stage to Kilo 64.5, let for SR122 million.

The final stage from Kilo 64.5 to Kilo 73.1 was awarded four months ago for SR36 million and will be completed in 20 months.

The road will be fenced in to prevent danger from straying animals.

Local

• DAMMAM, (SPA) — A conference of the International Association of Housing Sciences will be held at the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) in Dhahran Dec. 18 through 22.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khawair has ordered the award of one month's salary to 14 outstanding teachers at the schools for adult

Marwan's ouster will not affect arms organization, Sultan says

By A Staff Reporter

RIYADH, Dec. 12 — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan was quoted as saying Tuesday that the dismissal of Dr. Ashraf Marwan as chairman of the executive board of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) will not affect the organization.

Prince Sultan, who heads the AOI's four-man higher committee of defense ministers, was quoted by "Al-Jazirah" as saying Tuesday that "the organization was not built up around personalities or any one in particular but on the basis of the ability and intentions of its four member states."

Comprising Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates the AOI was formed to set up armaments industries to lessen Arab dependence on foreign suppliers.

An agreement was recently signed with Thomson GSF of France for the establishment of an electronics industry at Kharral, south of Riyadh — the fifth venture of the AOI and the first outside Egypt.

Marwan was removed from office by President Sadat. No reason was given.

Asked if the organization had any intention of transferring its headquarters from Cairo, the minister said that such a move did not depend on political factors.

tical but on technical considerations.

In a recent interview with the Lebanese weekly "Al-Hadath," the prince denied that the AOI was contemplating such a move. He also said that the AOI still considered Egypt as the site for military

production. "Involved in such production are economic and technical considerations in addition to national objectives," he said. "We must consider the necessity to produce the weapons we need to strengthen the Arab stand, which can be achieved only through know-how."



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U.S. aid budget contains no funds for Israeli bases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The proposed U.S. foreign aid budget for next year, now in the final stages of preparation, contains no money for new air bases promised to Israel or a \$3.3 billion loan requested by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, administration sources say.

The sources said either or both items might eventually become part of the fiscal 1980 budget, either through a supplemental request by President Carter or congressional insertion.

But as of now, they said

Iraqi envoy leaves for Algeria

BAGHDAD, Dec. 12 (R) — A personal envoy of Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Bakr left here Tuesday for visits to Algeria and the Libyan Jamahiriya, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

The envoy — ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) member Naim Haddad — said he would convey President Bakr's wishes for a speedy recovery of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, who has been in a coma since Nov. 18.

He would also have talks with Algerian leaders on Arab developments and means of facing the Zionist imperialist onslaught on the Arab nation. Haddad said he would deliver a message from President Bakr to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on Arab developments and coordinating Arab efforts against Israel.

Haddad is the second envoy to be sent by President Bakr to Arab states over the past few days — Public Works and Housing Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan — visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait, handing similar messages to their leaders.

Monday, the administration is planning to ask Congress for about \$1.8 billion in military and economic assistance, the same amount Israel received in the budget for the 1979 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

The same goes for Egypt, which received \$750 million in aid in the 1979 budget. There is no new money for any of the ambitious development programs the Egyptians have been talking about, the sources said.

One person for the absence of the new funds for Israel is that the Begin government has not submitted detailed requests, they said.

An American team is still trying to estimate the cost of the two air bases in the Negev which Carter agreed to pay for at Camp David. The bases, which would replace Sinai bases being turned over to Egypt, are expected to cost upward of \$100 million each. The \$3 billion, 25-year

loan mentioned by Begin is supposed to pay for the evacuation of the Sinai, including the relocation of settlers.

The sources said that even when detailed requests are submitted, both Egypt and Israel are likely to find that the signing of a Mideast peace treaty will not be accompanied by a bonanza of American aid.

"There is no reluctance to aid Israel with development costs that can't be met with other means. But there is also no knee-jerk rush to give them whatever they ask for," one official said.

Like the other sources, he asked not to be identified because of the administration's reticence against comments on the budget before it is presented to Congress next month.

The sources said there are several reasons for the administration's reluctance to put additional money for Israel and Egypt into the budget, or to plan for a major new aid program.

Chief among them is Carter's determination to hold the 1980 deficit to \$30 billion and at the same time increase defense spending and cope with increases in Veterans payments and other required programs. Discretionary items such as foreign aid are being squeezed.

The sources said Carter is also anxious to avoid giving the impression the U.S. is "buying" a peace agreement.

The squeeze on foreign aid has also dismayed administration officials charged with improving relations with Turkey.

For the fiscal 1980 budget, the first since Congress lifted the partial Turkish arms embargo in August, the State Department is seeking about \$275 million in military aid for Turkey compared to last year's \$225 million.

Police, however, said the house next door to that of an attaché to the Egyptian mission to the United Nations was damaged early Tuesday in a fire intended to be set to the diplomat's home.

A group calling itself the new Jewish Defense League claimed responsibility.

He read a statement saying: "Egyptian dictator (President Anwar) Sadat wants the Sinai in order to use it as a launching pad to exterminate us. But never again."

Police, however, said the house next door to Farouk Mansour's at 2802 Brighton Eighth St., was set afire after gasoline was poured on it.

No one inside the house was injured and the house was damaged.

M.E. Briefs

• ALGIERS: Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, in a coma in hospital since Nov. 18, was in a stable condition, the official Algerian news agency Aps reported.

• BEIRUT: Lebanese rightists accused Syrian troops of shelling and firing on Beirut's Christian zones Tuesday, wounding two persons.

• BAGHDAD: Iraq and South Yemen will exchange professors, technicians, scholars, educational material and technical experience under a cultural and scientific cooperation agreement signed here. The Iraqi News Agency, which reported the agreement, said South Yemen would get help to set up educational institutes, build laboratories and print books.

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Israeli group excluded from Egyptian tea party

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's wife Jihan refused to address an international medical conference in Cairo when she heard that Israeli delegates were present, a presidency official said Tuesday.

Mrs. Sadat's press secretary Ahmed, Fawzi, told Reuters that Mrs. Sadat gave a tea party for all the delegates except the Israelis. "They were all invited except the Israelis," he said.

The conference last week

was sponsored by an international medical organization to discuss pregnancy poisoning problems and it invited European and Arab delegates.

Dr. Hamdi Sayed, chairman of the Egyptian physicians syndicate, told Reuters the delegations of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the Lebanon withdrew from the conference when they heard that Israelis were present.

Israelis will now be banned from Arab medical conferences until a Middle East peace treaty is concluded, he added.

Three Palestinians given life sentence by Israelis

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (API) — A military court has sentenced three Palestinians from the occupied West Bank to life in prison for the murder of an Israeli bus driver last January, a military spokesman said Tuesday.

A fourth man received a lighter sentence.

The four were tried for the stabbing of Mordechai Yekuel on Jan. 29, 1978. He was killed after driving workers from factories in Israel to their homes in the West Bank, was found lying on the side of the road next to his bus.

The court on Monday sentenced Omar Salab Barghuti, 23, to life plus 72 years imprisonment for murder, membership in the Palestine Liberation Organization, and possession of explosives, the spokesman said.

Sakri Abdul Barghuti, 24, and Na'il Abdullah Barghuti, 21, were both sentenced to life plus 18 years imprisonment.

Rahd Musseim Abu al-Haj, 18, was sentenced to 15 years in prison, the spokesman said.

The four Palestinians, from Kubar village near Ramallah,

Qatar, Kuwait reiterate support for Palestinians

DOHA, Dec. 12 (R) — Qatar and Kuwait Tuesday reiterated their full support for the Palestinian people's rights, under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to recover their homeland and that safeguarding world peace

exercise self-determination.

In a joint communiqué issued after a four-day visit by Kuwaiti Heir Apparent and Premier Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, both sides said that safeguarding world peace

and security required a just and comprehensive Middle East settlement and Israel's withdrawal from all occupied territories.

The communiqué said they urged Arab countries to settle their differences "in a fraternal and constructive manner in order to restore the unity of Arab ranks," and said their views were identical on all subjects discussed.

The two sides signed an agreement for cooperation in economic, education and information fields and agreed that a joint committee would meet every four months to follow up its implementation, the communiqué said.

They called for studies on the feasibility of travel between both countries by identity cards without passport.

AMMAN, Dec. 12 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw arrives on Thursday for a two-day official visit, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.

The daily newspaper "Al-Rai" said the minister will be briefed on the Middle East situation and quoted its special correspondent in The Hague as saying he would also discuss bilateral relations and sign an economic accord with Jordan.

The economic accord would provide for the establishment of a joint commission to investigate areas where joint industrial projects could be launched.

There is also likely to be further discussion about how a grant of \$2.4 million given by the Dutch government a few years ago will be spent, "Al-Rai" added.

The Netherlands granted Jordan about \$4.8 million of aid under the terms of two economic agreements signed in the past five years.

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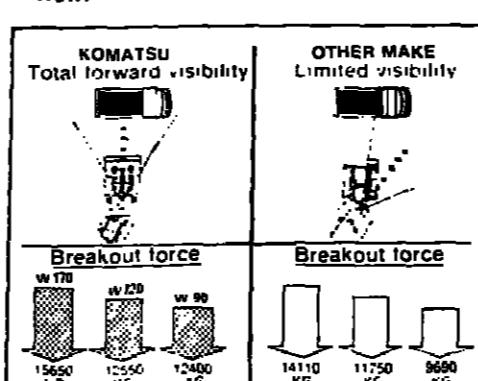
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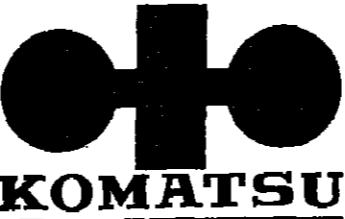
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Work horse

More than 1,500 C-130s have been sold around the world since Lockheed built the first version in the 1950s. The turboprop cargo transport saw service throughout the Vietnam War and became known as the workhorse of the U.S. military.

The U.S. Air Force said Monday its entire fleet was being grounded because an initial inspection showed that engine control cables on some older models — those built before 1973 — were worn and frayed.

The cables in question were those connecting each of the plane's four engines to the cockpit.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. described the grounding order as a precautionary move by the

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The C-130 maintenance manual recommended that engine control cables should be replaced every seven years as a matter of routine Lockheed said.

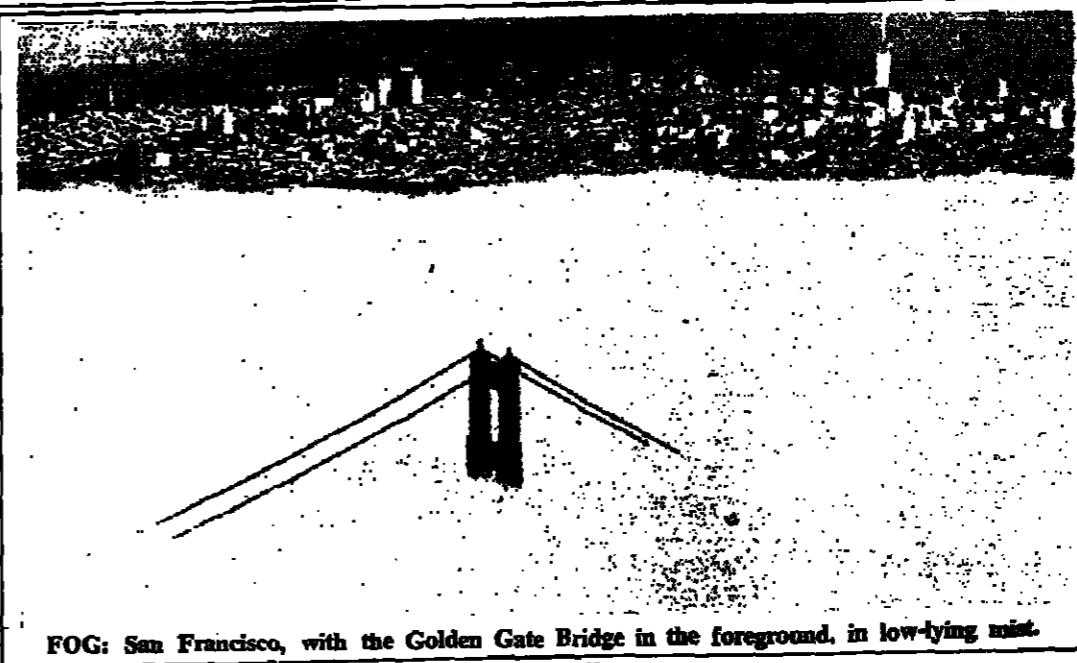
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FOG: San Francisco, with the Golden Gate Bridge in the foreground, in low-lying mist.

Sen. Church says

Cold War drains U.S. economy

PROVO, Utah, Dec. 12 (R) — Sen. Frank Church pledged Tuesday to try to shift the focus of U.S. foreign policy from Cold War to economic issues when he becomes chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next year.

The Idaho Democrat said the erosion of U.S. economic predominance was directly related to a single-minded concentration, since World War II, on America's global power struggle with the Soviet Union.

"Perhaps it is time to throw overboard some of the ballast we have been carrying with us in the Cold War, to acknowledge that we do have interests in the international arena that go beyond the parameters of the East-West struggle," Sen. Church said in a speech prepared for delivery at Brigham Young University here.

Golfer stole to stay pro

BALTIMORE Dec. 12 (AP) — A professional golfer, who said he robbed 19 banks to help him keep up his Professional Golfers Association membership during a time of bad breaks in his career, has been sentenced to up to 25 years in federal prison. Richard E. Meissner Jr., 33, of Olney, Maryland, had pleaded guilty to armed bank robbery at a nearby bank and to bank

larceny at another bank in the neighboring state of Virginia.

The prosecutor said that several of the robberies took place after Meissner was disqualified or had failed to make a cut for a tournament. Meissner had been linked by authorities to robberies along the PGA route in Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, Arizona and Delaware.

ARSON seen in deaths of retarded

JACKSON, Miss. Dec. 12 (AP) — Investigators centered on arson in checking the cause of a weekend fire that killed 15 women patients at the Ellisville State School for the Mentally Retarded, the insurance commissioner says.

He said Monday that investigators had all but ruled out accidental causes and that if no possible cause could be found by Tuesday, "then we won't be looking at how the fire started but at who might have started it."

The 15 victims, all 40 years of age or older, died early Saturday when thick, choking smoke from a fire in a storage room filled two second-floor wards of their brick dormitory.

Some Castro prisoners call release a 'farce'

"We do not negotiate our liberty because our principles are not negotiable," said the petition, smuggled out of a Cuban prison in October.

In two recent meetings in Havana with exile leaders, Castro agreed to free more than 3,000 political prisoners, provide blanket exit visas to 6,000 to 10,000 former prisoners and loosen travel restrictions to and from Cuba.

Castro has said the main purpose of the initiative is the reunification of the Cuban community.

The petition says that liberty for political prisoners does not require a dialogue. "Those who have planted sorrow and hatred in Cuban homes, who have divided and maintained divided members of the Cuban family lack the moral standing to convene a dialogue."

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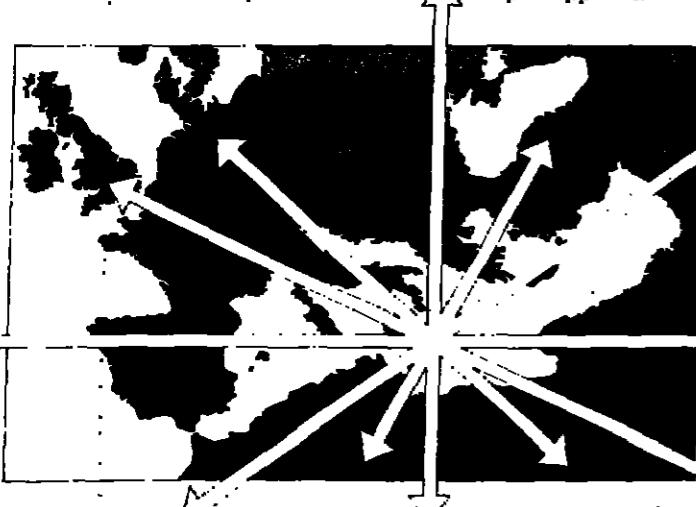
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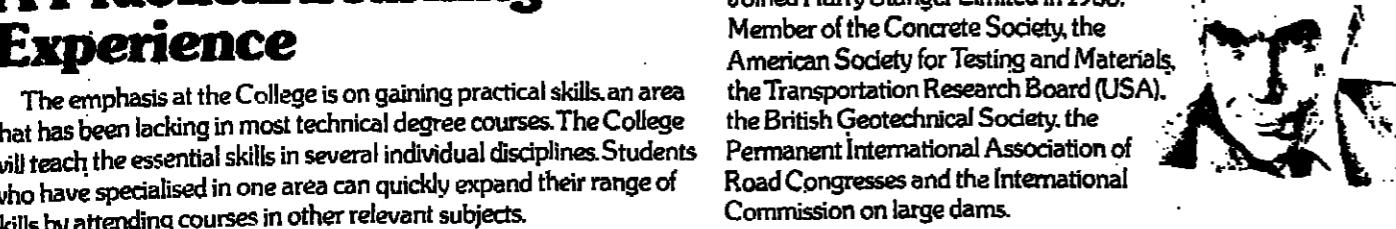


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Could cripple reserves

Guerrillas ignite Rhodesia fuel dump

SALISBURY, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Rhodesian firemen, police and troops fighting an inferno at Rhodesia's biggest known fuel depot here ignited by guerrillas Tuesday faced a furious battle to save the entire complex from destruction.

Three or four tanks blew up early Tuesday, adding to about seven which erupted in a chain of explosions and boiling flame Monday night.

Salisbury Fire Chief Vin Lowrie said, "the fire has deteriorated, but it is still under control."

Military and police sources said it appeared the guerrillas had pumped rocket and tracer fire into one full storage tank. The blaze quickly spread to other tanks in a series of explosions.

Police and troops helped

fight the flames while civil defense units and armed police reservists sealed off approach roads to the complex only three km from the center of the capital.

In Lusaka, guerrillas of the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army claimed the total destruction of the depot and said "a considerable number of people" were killed, a

claim denied by the Rhodesians.

"It is terrible, terrible, the whole sky is on fire," said one woman, weeping as balls of flame soared hundreds of feet into the air.

The depot is the main storage facility for Shell-British Petroleum with at least 10 giant storage tanks. Mobil and

Caltex, which is joint owned by Standard Oil of California and Texaco, have storage facilities in the same area. The companies maintain they have no control over the Rhodesian firms bearing their names. The companies here refused to discuss the fire. It was not known how much of the country's carefully hoarded oil would be lost.

Refugees ate dead companions to stay alive, Vietnamese says

PENGHU ISLAND, Taiwan Dec. 12 (AP) — Some of the boat people fleeing Vietnam ate dead bodies to stay alive, one of the survivors says.

Former Indian president asks resignation of Desai

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (AP) — Former President V.V. Giri has called for the resignation of Prime Minister Moraji Desai's government.

Indian newspapers reported Monday that Giri, 84, who was president and head of state between 1969 and 1974, said Sunday in Madras, the internal squabbles and power politics have brought the func-

tioning of the central government to a sickening point of stagnation.

"Even if the Janata Party government is to muddle through the next three years in office, I am afraid the net result will be as far as the people are concerned," he said. He called on the president, Sanjiva Reddy, to take steps to form a national government.

He said his four children — three girls and a boy — were among the dead.

But the survivor, Vuong Vinh Cuong and 118 others left Vietnam Oct. 10 on an 18-ton fishing boat. It sank in the South China Sea, drowning 59 refugees. Sixty made it to a nearby deserted coral island.

The survivors remained on the island more than 40 days with little food for water before being picked up by a Taiwanese fishing boat, but 26 died of starvation and disease en route to Taiwan.

The 34 who survived arrived at the southern port of Kaohsiung a week ago and were temporarily settled in this island more than 250 kilometers southwest of Taipei.

In reconstructing the death ritual, authorities have concluded that it took about five hours to complete the task of administering poisoned punch and lethal injections to the more than 900 cultists who died. The poison brought death in about five minutes. Those who drank the cyanide were led away to the perimeter of the settlement and helped to sit down and die so that bodies did not pile up around the tables where the poison punch was dispensed.



THE WRITING: A Peking passer-by reads a wall poster critical of some of aspects of the Cultural Revolution.

China cracks the whip on its shaky military

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (AP) — China's 3.5-million-man army — shaken by purges and defections since the 1950s — is under party orders to tighten discipline, return to basic principles and establish better relations with the public.

Peking Radio, monitored here Tuesday, quoted the official "Liberation Army Daily" as saying this in an article claiming victory in the campaign to criticize the radical "Gang of Four" and former Defense Minister Lin Piao.

The party Central Committee responded to the army's wish to end the campaign with a series of five conditions, the paper said.

These included an end to the investigation of the radical plot to take over the country, criticism of bourgeois factions within the army and restoration of the principles and traditions established by the late party chairman and co-founder

of the army, Mao Tse-tung.

Another called for rehabilitation of more victims of the "persecutions and purges" of Lin Piao and the Gang, resolution of long-neglected problems between the army and the public to protect the public's interests and restore its confidence in the army it knew in the past, and greater discipline imposed on officers and men.

The paper did not say who originated the move to bring the anti-Gang of Four, anti-Lin Piao campaign to an end but the Central Committee's response suggested the process will be a long one.

"Even after it is terminated," the paper said, "this does not mean that the venom or poison of Lin Piao and the Gang of Four have been completely wiped out."

The "Gang of Four" is the epithet for four leading extremists headed by Mao's wife, Chiang Ching.

Get a paunch if you want to get a girl

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP) — If you want to get a girl, get a paunch. Only a modest mid-rib thickening, of course. No point in overdoing it. According to a survey carried out by one of Britain's biggest shirt makers, most women seem to prefer a man with just the slightest suggestion of a tummy.

Police still baffled by JFK heist

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — Bandits who used guns, handcuffs — and perhaps inside information — to pull off the theft of \$5 million in cash from Kennedy Airport may be able to spend the loot as easily as they pulled off the daring heist, authorities say. "It went off like clockwork," said one official. "It was well-planned, well-organized and well-executed."

N. Ireland hit by letter bombs

BELFAST, Dec. 12 (AP) — A prison officer's wife and a mailman were injured in Northern Ireland Tuesday morning when a wave of letter bombs arrived in the mail. The woman was injured in her north Belfast home when a parcel bomb delivered in the morning mail blew up in her face. The mailman was on his rounds on the outskirts of east Belfast when a parcel he was carrying blew up.

Wrong number, but mighty close

LACEY, Washington, Dec. 12 (AP) — Chris Sanger answers the president's telephone calls. But she tells people they've got the wrong number — in the wrong state and the wrong color house — even though her telephone number is only one digit away. An irate general demanding to speak with President Carter and a Wyoming girl asking for the president's daughter, Amy, have been among the callers — often four or five a day — who've misdialed the White House number and gotten the Sanger's gold house instead.

U.N. celebrates Human Rights Day

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 12 (AP) — Four persons and four organizations received prizes for promoting human rights Monday night as the United Nations ended a day-long celebration of 30 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Coretta Scott King collected the citation awarded posthumously to her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968 after a successful campaign for black rights.

Skid Row Slasher suspect released

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12 (R) — A 33-year-old man arrested as a suspect in the 10 "Skid Row Slasher" murders has been freed after four days in custody. Gary Lee Stinson, arrested near the scene of one of the attacks, was released Monday night after police said he not linked with the killings.

5 get death 18 years after crime

MANILA, Dec. 12 (R) — The supreme court has confirmed death sentences for five men convicted of murdering a rice trader 18 years ago. Executions in the Philippines are by electric chair. There are some 2,000 convicts under sentence of death throughout the country.

LBJ's brother dies of lung cancer

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12 (AP) — Sam Houston Johnson, who lived in the large shadow cast by his brother Lyndon B. Johnson and gained some notoriety for his frank criticism of the late U.S. president, died of lung cancer Monday. Johnson, 64, had been hospitalized for several weeks. He was five years younger than his brother who died in 1973.

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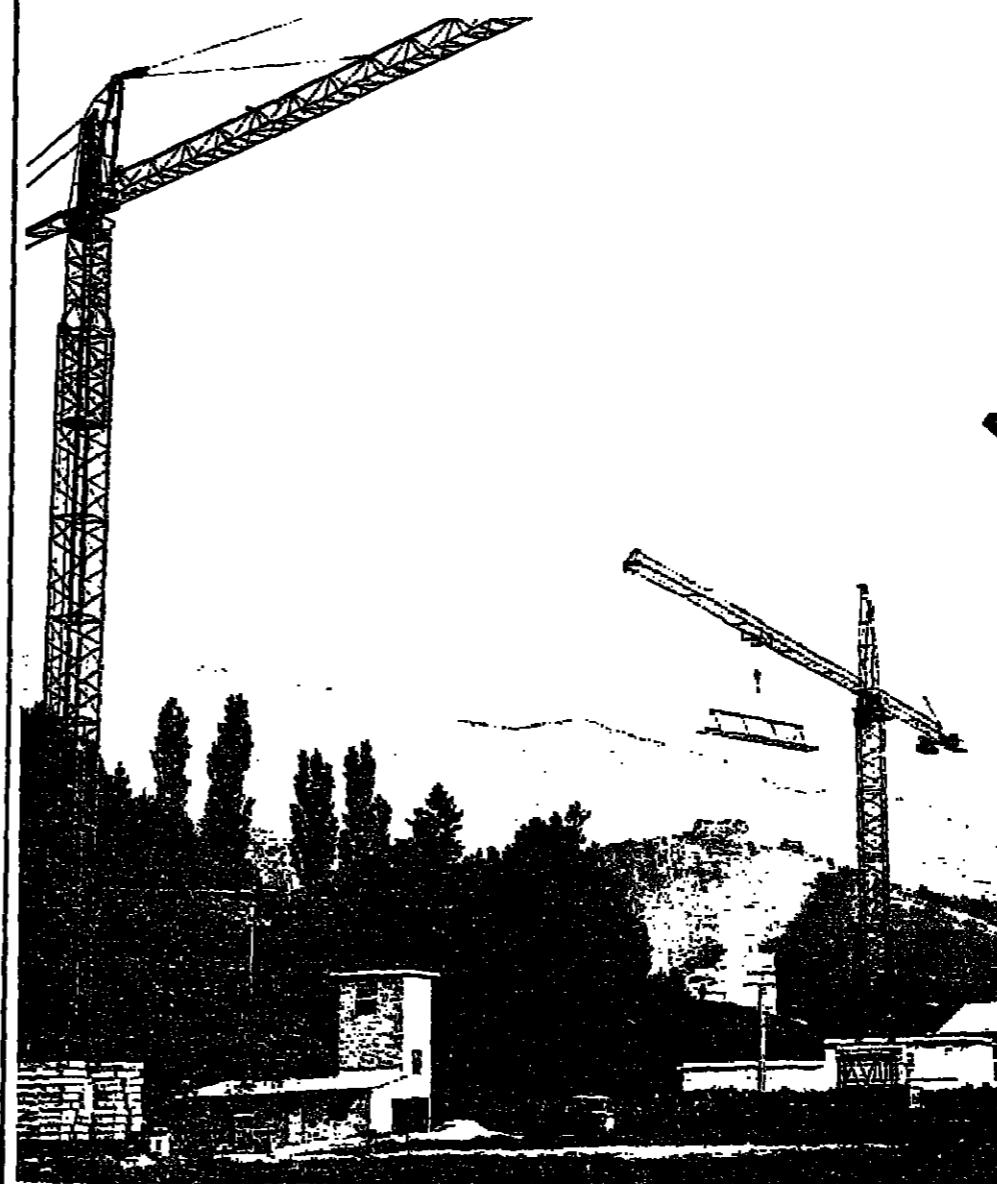
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A HORNET'S NEST

The peace talks between Egypt and Israel are still moving in their set course despite their interruption in Washington. U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has voiced optimism only after a few hours of talks in Cairo and Israel. Mr. Vance has admitted that two or three points remain in need of clarification but he has gone on record as saying that progress has been made over the subject of linking the peace treaty to the future of the Palestinians and Article Six of the treaty.

The secretary of state has refrained from explaining at whose expense progress over these two thorny points has been achieved. The linkage is a point for Egypt. The upholding of the controversial Article Six which gives the treaty precedence over Egypt's Arab commitments is a definite point for Israel. But to treat the question of war and peace in the Middle East as points on a score sheet is an oversimplification that borders on cynicism. The fact is the problem is too complicated for observers to be able to tell now who will win or lose in the end.

The more immediate problem is the effect of the signing of the treaty on inter-Arab relations, especially the moderate Arab states which find themselves caught in a bind. The moderate states have never liked President Sadat's peace initiative and have expressed reservations about the Camp David agreements. But they have stopped short of condemning the Egyptian leader and his efforts and fought stubbornly against extremist positions at the recent Arab Summit conference in Baghdad. There, they successfully argued that despite the initiative and the Camp David agreements, the whole process may collapse at the last hurdle. Now that the last corner appears to have been cleared, the question is where will the moderate states stand?

Given a choice, they would prefer to sit the whole wretched thing out. More likely, the signing of the treaty will stir a hornet's nest and the moderates will come under terrific local and national pressure to take a stand. The tragedy of the situation is that whatever the moderates decide, Israel will win and the Arabs will lose. If they support Egypt the Arab world will be split down the middle and unforeseen upheavals will follow. If they decide against Egypt, the Arab camp will lose that country and weaken it further.

Judging by their recent performances, the moderate states may once again find their hearts with the rejectionist states but their minds nearer to a centrist position. They won't support Egypt outright. Apart from the fact that the moderates hold President Sadat responsible for the process that is culminating today in a most difficult choice for every Arab, they feel that the Egyptian leader has squeezed himself in a place between them and their traditional ally, the U.S.

The situation would have looked less gloomy if the peace treaty and its inevitable appendices show some gains for the other Arabs, especially the Palestinians. The only "gains" that exist are related to a long process of negotiations over many years. The non-Egyptian Arabs simply do not trust this type of deal.



Greek-Turkish disputes

By Joe Alex Morris, Jr.

ATHENS —

Three Greek farmers are sitting in the Turkish town of Edime and six Turkish fishermen are stuck here in Athens, the latest victims of the Greek-Turkish dispute.

All nine have been sentenced, the Greeks to one month and the Turks to 15 months, for illegal entry, and the sentences have been annulled or commuted. The two governments agreed to return the prisoners to their homelands last month.

The Greeks were cutting wood on an island in the Evros River, which more or less marks the boundary in Thrace between the two countries, when Turkish soldiers seized them. The Turks sailed into port on the Greek island of Lesbos, near the Turkish coast, by mistake.

The incidents were unimportant but symptomatic of the strains existing between the two countries. While they are former allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, that alliance failed to erase the traditional sources of tension between them. The Turkish intervention in Cyprus in 1974 made it even more difficult.

The three farmers are a case in point because, of all the problems involving the two countries, it would appear to be the easiest to solve. The border originally was on the river, but the Evros changes course frequently due to floods or man-made structures built to control the floods.

In 1971, Greece and Turkey agreed on a final border irrespective of future meanderings of the river. But neither the Greeks nor the Turks have ratified the agreement, and the final demarcation has never taken place.

The six unfortunate Turkish fishermen ran afoul of a bigger

problem, the Greek-Turkish dispute over the Aegean Sea. The two countries are in conflict over navigational rights, exploitation of the seabed, and even air traffic control over the area.

With ominous regularity, Greeks and Turks shoot up or seize fishing boats belonging to the other side for alleged infringements of territorial rights, the latest coming a little over a month ago when a Turkish patrol boat rammed and sank a Greek fishing boat. When the six Turkish fishermen wandered into Lesbos, they were arrested and sentenced to 15 months imprisonment with startling rapidity.

Lesbos is a particularly sensitive spot for Turkish fishermen to come ashore by mistake. It is one of several Greek islands, within miles of the Turkish coast, that have been fortified by the Greeks, which was illegal under the international treaties that gave them to Greece after World War I.

The fishermen's crime hardly seemed to merit the sentence imposed. Similarly, the three Greek farmers, by all evidence available here, actually were working on territory which will be Greek if and when the border is finally demarcated.

Such incidents seem likely to continue to mar relations between the two countries until the major problems between them are solved. These are the Aegean and Cyprus.

The Greeks and Turks are still talking, although in desultory fashion, about their conflicting claims to the Aegean.

The Greeks claim that a string of Greek islands along the Turkish coast make the Aegean, in effect, a Greek sea.

The Turks dispute this, and only grudgingly concede the greeks a three-mile (4.8 km) zone. — (LAT)

territorial limit around the islands, except in cases where several of the islands are even closer than that to the Turkish coast.

The Cyprus issue is more complicated, partly because the Greek government says it is not involved. Yet it was in reaction to the Turkish involvement in Cyprus that Greece pulled out of the military side of NATO.

One result of this was the transformation of the NATO southeast command at Izmir, Turkey, into a Turkish-led force. With the Greeks out of it, NATO gave the Izmir command to Turkish generals.

The United States, Canada and Britain have put forward suggestions to try to get the stalled Cyprus negotiations going again. They broadly follow the old pattern under which the island received its independence from Britain in 1961, with neither the Greek 80 per cent majority nor the Turkish minority able to dictate to the other, each occupying an ethnic region under a federal government.

One key new element was an American suggestion that the Turkish Cypriots make significant geographical adjustments in favor of the Greek Cypriots.

This, too, may not come to fruition. The Turkish government has carefully withheld comment, but Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash described the American proposals as biased in favor of the Greek Cypriots.

The issue has been complicated further by a United Nations Security Council resolution on Cyprus that set a May 30 deadline for the secretary general to report back on progress.

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saudi press review

to support the Arab cause."

"Al-Bilad" commented on the current visit of President Mobutu Sese Seko to Saudi Arabia and said that "it highlights the increasingly closer relations between the two countries which dates back to 1962."

"The Kingdom backed Zaire when it was invaded by the former Katangan gendarmes who were supported by the Angola-based Cubans. The two countries are also united in their opposition to communism and communist ambitions in the mineral rich country."

"The visit of President Mobutu Sese Seko not only forges closer links between the two countries but opens new vistas of economic cooperation calculated to help Zaire tide over the problems left behind by the aborted invasion. The visiting President will find Saudi leaders willing to do their best."

Commenting on the same subject, "Al-Medina" said African states "have proved to be reliable friends of the Arabs" in the dispute with Israel by severing relations with the Jewish

state. "This is highly appreciated by the Arabs," the paper said. "We believe that fostering economic relations bilaterally or through the OAU and the Arab League will serve the interests of all parties and help bring them closer together."

"Africa is being continuously preyed upon by the imperialists who have not tired of trying to drive a wedge between the Arabs and the Africans," the paper said.

"Omar" said that while the Kingdom has no political or territorial ambitions outside its borders, it is firmly against communism as an ideology and a way of life.

"On this basis, Saudi Arabia is opposed to any aggression that aims at disrupting the independence and security or territorial integrity of friendly states specially in Asia and Africa. Hence the Saudi-Zairean meeting represents a step towards peace and stability in Asia and Africa and a warning to those who aim at sowing chaos and subversion that they cannot do so any more."

Disintegration of an initiative

By Jim Hoagland
and David B. Ottaway

WASHINGTON —

When Rhodesian guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe said goodbye to his Nigerian hosts and climbed aboard a waiting aircraft in Lagos four months ago, U.S. and British diplomats were convinced that they were within days of achieving the goal toward which they had been working — a peace conference to end the war in Rhodesia.

"We had the feeling that Cyrus Vance and David Owen were glued to their telephones waiting for the report of success from Nigeria," Mugabe's chief political aide, Edgar Tekere, recalled later in speaking of the U.S. Secretary of State and the British Foreign Minister.

To the handful of world leaders and diplomats who knew about it, the secret Aug. 19 meeting in Lagos did look like the penultimate stroke in an inspired diplomatic strategy that would not only halt the white vs. black fighting now devastating Rhodesia, but also head off a wider black vs. black civil war in the future.

Those prospects have disintegrated.

The guerrilla war is escalating. The Salisbury government is backing away from earlier pledges of majority rule. The Anglo-American diplomatic initiative appears to have run into a dead end.

Even this summary may understate the turnaround that has occurred in the past four months in southern Africa. There is now a good chance that instead of heading off a future tribal war for control of Rhodesia, the diplomatic strategy that brought the Nigerians so deeply into the Rhodesian crisis has deepened long-standing divisions within the ranks of the guerrillas and their African supporters, and has brought all-out civil war a step closer.

The Carter administration's heavy and proud investment in wooing key African states that had been hostile to the United States in the past also is being diminished by the fall-out of the Rhodesian exercise. Nigeria's leaders feel they have been burned by their highly visible role, and recently they effectively withdrew from participating in the Anglo-American effort on Rhodesia.

Notes of distrust again have crept into the dialogue between Washington and African supporters of the Patriotic Front guerrillas headed jointly by Mugabe and his rival chief, Joshua Nkomo.

"We got out in front on delivering the Patriotic Front to a peace conference because Vance promised he would deliver Ian Smith," a key Nigerian official said to an American visitor recently. "Instead, we were left hanging, while Smith went to Washington for a welcome from Vance."

The Secretary's decision to reverse policy and grant the deal that British and American planners hoped would

end the war, Carter was a participant in the secret conference. The Smith-Nkomo meeting was set in motion by Kaunda, who is a strong supporter of Nkomo. According to Tekere, secretary general of Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), Mugabe and his backers were informed of the meeting, which clearly has deepened the rift between the two guerrilla groups and between Nyerere and Machel and Kaunda.

The Nigerians "were invited upon by other parties to be there," Tekere said in a lengthy interview in Washington. "Britain and the United States were involved in preparing that meeting between Smith and Nkomo." What Smith and Nkomo agreed to at the Lusaka meeting is the murkiest part of the chain of events. Three independent sources say their understanding is that Smith agreed to let Nkomo become president for guarantees for small white minority politics and battlefield results.

The events flow from two early decisions on Africa made by the Carter administration. One was to sponsor with Britain a plan for a peace conference involving Smith's government and the guerrillas. The Anglo-American plan quickly became the controversial focus of the peace-making efforts.

The other decision was to seek much stronger ties with Nigeria and the five frontline states that support the guerrillas. U.S. planners felt they could work with once hostile leaders like Tanzania's Julius Nyerere and Mozambique's Samora Machel, as well as Zambia's Kenneth Kaunda, to promote a settlement that would prevent a repeat in Rhodesia of the bloody fighting between African nationalist groups in Angola once white rule ended there in 1975.

The Angola civil war also entrenched Soviet and Cuban military advisers in that country. Although the Carter administration will not publicly articulate it, another factor in the decision to work actively for a peaceful transition to black rule in Rhodesia has been the hope of cutting off Russian and Cuban influence on the guerrillas.

The U.S.-Nigerian connection, badly frayed during the Biafra war, was tightened primarily by Andrew Young, the Carter administration's Ambassador to the United Nations and its "point man" on Africa policy. President Carter reinforced the link by an official visit to Lagos this year.

By the spring and early summer, Vance was working closely with Nigeria's energetic Foreign Minister, Joseph Garba. The guerrillas slowly moved from opposing the Anglo-American plan to accepting it as the basis for negotiations.

And, on Aug. 14, when Smith traveled secretly to Lusaka to meet Nkomo and make the deal that British and American planners hoped would

Payback, Chinese style

By Linda Mathews

CANTON, China —

Following the lead of Taiwan, South Korea and other developing countries, China has

in the past month invited do-

zens of foreign companies to

establish processing and assembly plants on Chinese soil. The first co-production agreements between China and U.S. firms were concluded here last month at the semi-annual Canton Trade Fair. Under these contracts, two American garment manufacturers will supply advanced machinery to factories in Shanghai and Dalian and will be paid back not with cash, but with the output of the plants.

The finished products will then presumably be sold in the United States and other countries.

For the Communist regime, co-production schemes with capitalist corporations represent a radical departure from its traditional way of doing business. During Mao Tse-tung's lifetime, China prided itself on self-reliance. The official media boasted, "Our socialist country simply does not permit foreign capital to develop our country's resources. We will never enter in joint enterprises with a foreign country or accept foreign loans."

Mao's successors, however, have abandoned the pretense of self-reliance and, in the words of an American businessman, "have decided to import progress."

"We need to import machinery and raw materials to com-

plete our technology," said Po Shu-sen, deputy director of the Canton Trade Fair, in a recent interview.

The so-called "product payback" formula, first developed by the Eastern European bloc,

appears to be most popular with the Chinese, probably because they are short of foreign ex-

change and dislike paying cash for imported machinery.

"Product payback can take at least two forms, as far as

China is concerned," explained Liu Shu-sheng, deputy director of the China National Textiles Import and Export Corp. "We

can accept raw materials, such as zippers and lining, from overseas suppliers and process them for a fee. Or, alternately,

Chinese factories are willing to take machinery and advanced technology from foreigners, and whole factories may be imported."

The Picnic Restaurant of Al-Khobar

Fast food with an Arabian flair



Rafic Ashar, Picnic's general manager

By Barry Reynolds
AL-KHOBAR — In the last decade, magazine cartoons have depicted Americans on Safari stumbling over soft drink machines in the African jungle or finding Southern fried chicken outlets adjoining ancient souks.

Recently however, a countertrend has appeared the adoption of the American fast food concept with the substitution of indigenous dishes for the standard hamburger, fish and chips and fried food combinations.

The Lebanese-operated Picnic Restaurant here is a striking example of this growing trend. Located on the Dhabhan — Al Khobar highway at the first traffic light after the airport, Picnic specializes largely in take-out service. It offers a limited but well-prepared selection of traditional Levantine cuisine — at some of the lowest prices anywhere. Takeout dinners include kibbeh (dozen for SR 12), shish taouk (SR 14), shawerma (SR 10) spinach pies (dozen for SR 12), and shrimps (SR 12). Side dishes feature tabbuki (SR 4), mutabbal, also called baba-ganoosh or whipped eggplant (SR 3), stuffed vine leaves (dozen for SR 8), humus, and assorted sandwiches. The latter are usually served on hot pita or Arab bread and rarely exceed SR 2.50.

"This is the fastest growing restaurant concept in Saudi Arabia," says Picnic's general manager, Rafic Ashar. "Saudi Arabia is a conservative country with men rarely going out to eat in public with their wives. Most prefer to eat at home with their families, so a well-prepared, speedy take-out menu service was bound to be a winner here," he says. "We serve the same foods as the

more expensive nearby restaurants — without the tables and waiters. Another reason for our establishment four years ago was the huge number of bachelors working in the area. We've captured a good proportion of this market."

The 37-year-old former schoolteacher from Marjayoun in South Lebanon has no regrets about abandoning his chosen fields — biochemistry and English literature — for the more lucrative restaurant business.

"I have many friends — former engineers — who are now selling hamburgers and such in America," he says. "In running a business you are the master and the rewards are great."

Picnic's food may be Arab; but the prevailing ethic here volume is American.

The restaurant's eight cooks can serve 50 people in 15 minutes maximum.

"During busy lunchtimes," boasts Ashar, "We've packed 200 chicken sandwiches, with side orders of hummus or Tabouli, in less than 15 minutes for hungry construction workers. On a Wednesday night alone, the restaurant cooks and packs for 300 to 400 persons."

The biggest favorites continue to be the Middle Eastern dishes, especially kibbeh, shish kebab, shawerma and broasted chicken soaked in oriental spices.

How does he manage to prepare such traditional complicated dishes and serve them in the fast foods manner from a restaurant that barely comprises 100 square meters, including the kitchen?

"We're highly systematized," replies Ashar. "Meats like lamb for shawerma, chicken for tawook and minced beef for kibbeh are prepared beforehand, but are not cooked until

ordered. My cooks take the best salary because they work hardest, and they work hardest because they take the best salary. In planning elaborate dining areas and decor many restaurant owners forget that the kitchen is really the most important area of a restaurant."

Like Ashar, the cooks are Lebanese who fled that country in the wake of the Civil War. All have had extensive restaurant training, mostly in Beirut, and are glad to be working here. Picnic's Saudi owner, Suleiman Al-Harbi, prefers to let the Lebanese run the culinary department.

"We have a man whose only job it is to prepare the Lebanese dishes," says Ashar.

The tabbuki is a special favorite and, no matter how much he prepares, it never seems to be enough, Ashar adds. It is a kind of tart salad composed of finely chopped parsley, burghul (cracked wheat), tomatoes, onions, olive oil and lemon juice.

Kibbeh, which is considered the national dish of Lebanon and Syria, is probably the most difficult item on the menu to prepare. In Lebanon one is said to be favored by God if born with a long finger, which makes the shaping of kibbeh easier. The dish consists of burghul, grated onion and minced lamb or beef pounded to a paste. The most popular stuffed kibbeh are oval-shaped shells of the same paste filled with a minced meat mixture, seasoned with about 12 different oriental spices and deep fried.

Ashar says that everything is prepared on the premises, even the mayonnaise, and that the restaurant uses only choice cuts of imported beef and lamb. The potatoes and other vegetables are bought fresh

from the souk each morning, while the small round pita bread is ordered specially from the bakery in town.

"As for our shawarma," he adds, "it is the only shawarma in town that is completely finished in two hours."

The Picnic Restaurant is open from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. every day, closing only during the month of Ramadan.

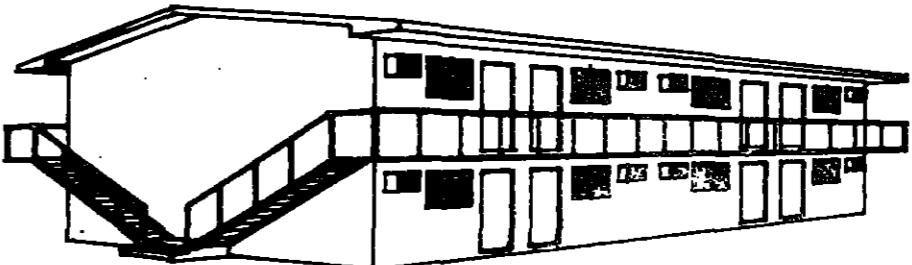
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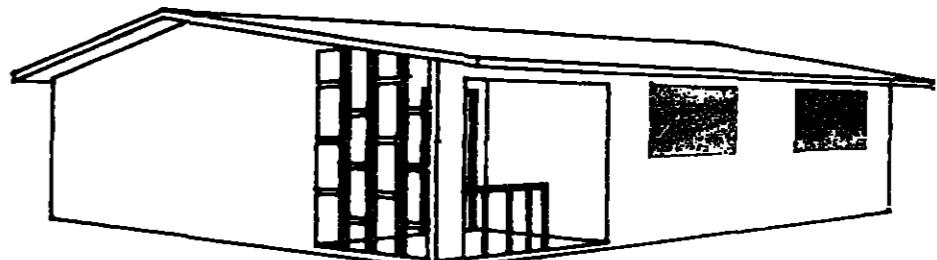
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Japan's patient, self-effacing new prime minister

Profile of Masayoshi Ohira

By Sam Jameson

TOKYO—Masayoshi Ohira, Japan's new Prime Minister, believes that his countrymen don't like—and don't need—"superior leaders" intent on accomplishing great feats.

"That is why a man as dull as Masayoshi Ohira can become a candidate for prime minister," Ohira said in an interview in July, 1977.

Ohira, 68, who from time to time has described himself as a "cow" when compared with some of his polished political rivals, has made modesty a personal hallmark.

Political analysts say Ohira's image of humility is one of the main reasons for his surprising eclipse of 73-year-old future Minister Takeo Fukuda in a primary in which more than 1.5 million members of the Liberal Democratic Party voted to select two candidates for a runoff election for party president. Fukuda bowed out after finishing a poor second.

Ohira's first words to Fukuda after Fukuda withdrew from the race were typical of the ex-Finance Ministry bureaucrat, who entered politics in 1952 as a member of parliament's lower house representing the district in which he was born in rural Kagawa prefecture on the island of Shikoku.

"I am deeply troubled and do not know what to do," Ohira told Fukuda at a meeting the day after Fukuda withdrew. "I need your help."

He did need Fukuda's cooperation to keep the ruling party unified, but Ohira made it clear that he knew exactly what to do as prime minister. A few hours after talking with Fukuda, Ohira issued a detailed policy statement calling for, among other things, a stronger role for the yen in international finance and for a conference of foreign ministers of the countries that rim the Pacific Ocean prior to an

economic summit meeting in Tokyo next June.

Despite the exaggeration that marks Ohira's studied display of modesty, real humility and a recognition of political limitations do appear to be fundamental parts of his character.

Ohira is a man of many moods and many faces who chooses to reveal himself only in varying degrees—but almost never completely—depending upon his audience.

Built like a sumo wrestler and with a face like a bulldog, Ohira often appears so relaxed he looks as though he is about to go to sleep. He laughs from the belly, and his smile seems to stretch from ear to ear.

Sometimes he speaks with the rhythm of a machine gun. But more often his speech has the rhythm of a grandfather clock.

With pauses, grunts and groans punctuating his spontaneously delivered remarks, simple 10-word sentences can consume 40 to 60 seconds.

He is one of the worst orators in the ruling party, and his public image is that of a sleepy politician—an image which, at least in part, is based on fact.

In 1963, when Ohira first served as foreign minister under the late Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda, both Ohira and Ikeda attended the funeral of President John F. Kennedy in Washington. Afterward, when Japan's turn came to be received by the new president, Lyndon Johnson, Ohira could not be found.

Johnson was kept waiting while an American official searched for the Japanese foreign minister, who was found asleep on a couch.

But when substance, not protocol, is involved, Ohira is alert.

In private, he is jovial, roars with laughter when kid-

ded, and loves subtle banter. He also can be as direct in private as he is roundabout in public.

One example, from the July, 1977, interview:

"Restraining and controlling bureaucrats is one job of politics. Bureaucrats are reliefs who are hard to keep in hand and are difficult to warp. (Essentially) bureaucrats are just a waste of time. They are devils. But if you don't keep them fed, maintaining public order would become difficult. If you let them loose on the streets, there is no telling what kind of awful things they might do. You've got to keep them shut up in government offices to hold their malignant effects to a minimum....They think they are performing useful tasks but they really aren't doing anything of great value."

Reminded that he himself was once a bureaucrat, Ohira said, "That is why I know this best of all."

Some analysts call him the "sixty percenter" because of his frequent references to 60 per cent as being just about all of any ideal or goal one can hope to achieve.

Ideals exist, Ohira said last year, but achieving them is impossible. "The real world is like an obstacle race" in which moving toward a goal in a straight line is out of the question, he said, adding that accomplishing anything often requires moving around in circles and expending time and effort, including frequently "wasteful effort."

Japanese leaders, he said, are not much different from followers. Political, business, academic and religious leaders are usually "sons of peasants," said Ohira, himself a son of a middle-class farmer.

"There aren't many class distinctions in Japan," he said. In this sense, Japan is very democratic. But at the



"I am deeply troubled," Ohira tells Fukuda, "and do not know what to do."

same time, there aren't many superior leaders—because anyone can become a leader. And anyone can be forced to quit as a leader.

"Japan is a country which does not create a need for superior leaders who do outstanding things (because) the people have a parallel consciousness (not being on an equal level with each other) and themselves are capable of dealing with crisis..."

"Japan is a nation with an elastic structure. It doesn't require great people. Therefore even a man as dull as Masayoshi Ohira can become a candidate for prime minister."

For the last two years, Ohira, as secretary general of the ruling party, responsible for day-to-day management of party affairs and directing the party's strategy in moving legislation through parliament, has practised the art of consensus.

Ohira's statements that narrow majorities in both houses of parliament force the

ruling party to engage in "partial coalition" with opposition parties have enraged the conservative wing of the ruling party. His record of taking the lead, as foreign minister under Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, in establishing diplomatic relations with Peking in 1972 is held against him by pro-Taiwan conservatives—a group from which he can expect most of the inner-party trouble he will face as prime minister.

In the 1974 campaign, he talked about "the lack of trust between the governments and the peoples" of East European nations and condemned Soviet suppression of uprisings in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

When asked how he thought his anti-Communist remarks would be received in Tokyo, where he was then serving as foreign minister of a country dedicated to promoting friendly relations with all nations, Ohira, tongue-in-cheek, replied without hesitation: "Czechoslovakia? Where's

that?"

The flexibility he cited as a characteristic of his nation is also a personal characteristic. In 1968, in an interview, Ohira complained about a lack of understanding among average Japanese people about "China's goals of separating Japan from the United States and the Japanese people from their government."

Four years later, he saw a change in China and led the way to establishment of full diplomatic relations. Today he is openly embraced by Peking leaders as one of China's favorite Japanese politicians.

A staunch advocate of close ties with the United States, Ohira has expressed concern in the past that too many Japanese take good relations with Washington for granted.

"Japanese feel the United States can do no harm to Japan, that the United States just isn't a country to be feared. Japanese think the U.S.-Japan relationship is completely and firmly established. It's an ex-

tremely self-centered way of thinking," he said in 1968—three years before President Nixon was to shock Japan three times in three months.

The surprise: Nixon's announcement that he would visit Peking, without advance consultation or notice to Tokyo; the U.S. imposition of a surcharge on imports, principally from Japan; and the U.S. threats that forced Japan to limit its textile exports to the United States.

Ohira, before and after these shocks, has emphasized that relations with the United States must be based upon a partnership, with the partners sharing the burdens.

Perhaps nothing better illustrates the anomalies and contrasts of Ohira than his long-standing friendship and political alliance with Kakuei Tanaka. It was Ohira's support which, in large part, put Tanaka into the prime minister's office in 1972 to have had the inside track. And this year it was Tanaka's support which, in large part, put Ohira into office when Fukuda appeared to have a good chance to serve another two-year term as prime minister (and thus

more than \$15 million was spent to finance Ohira's primary campaign have not blotted out the image. Much of the spending was believed to have been financed by Tanaka.

The friendship between the two men is expected to be of major importance in Japanese politics. Although Tanaka has resigned his membership in the ruling party and holds his seat in parliament as an independent, the faction of Liberal Democrat members of parliament controlled by Tanaka is the party's second largest and will be the main prop of the Ohira government within the ruling party.

Although Ohira's origins, like Tanaka's are humble, almost everything else about Ohira is elite.

His wife of 41 years, Shigeko, 62, is the daughter of a stock company president. Although the Ohira's oldest son died at 26 of an illness contracted on a foreign trip, the other three children have all married in elite fashion—a son to the daughter of the president and of a paper manufacturing firm, a daughter to Finance Minister official, another son to the daughter of the wealthy president of a pharmaceutical company.

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dissimilar than Ohira, the man of patience, and Tanaka, the man in a rush.

Tanaka, tainted with rumors of scandal even when he took office, was eventually forced to resign by charges of improper financial dealing and later was charged with accepting \$1.8 million bribe paid with funds obtained from the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. He is still on trial on the Lockheed charge.

Ohira, by contrast, has a

virtually spotless image as a

politician.

Even reports that

the only slightly different portion of Ohira's background is his college education. Unlike most of the nation's prominent leaders and bureaucrats, who traditionally have attended the prestigious Tokyo University, Ohira was graduated from what is now Hitotsubashi University.

An avid reader, Ohira is one of the most literate and literary-minded politicians in Japan. A Christian (he was baptized during college), the new prime minister frequently prefers Western to Japanese cooking. Golf is a favorite pastime. —(LAT)

The cults of Guyana

By Fred Barbash

GEOGETOWN, Guyana—In Cleveland, Ohio, it was just plain David Hill, a one-time felon and little-noted fugitive from justice who fled the United States without pursuit.

Here in Guyana, he is the Rabbi Edward Emmanuel Washington, who claims to be head of the Nation of Israel, the only true spiritual leader on earth. He is a man surrounded by dozens of uniformed Guyanese believers who listen in awe to his every word.

By his own estimates, Washington has more than 8,000 followers, all black and all but a handful Guyanese by birth. Others here guess that the num-

ber is closer to 400, including a small number of American-born blacks.

Washington's organization has no connection with the state of Israel or with any group of people conventionally thought of as Jews. His followers, he says, are indeed the only true Jews. His line is unabashedly anti-white.

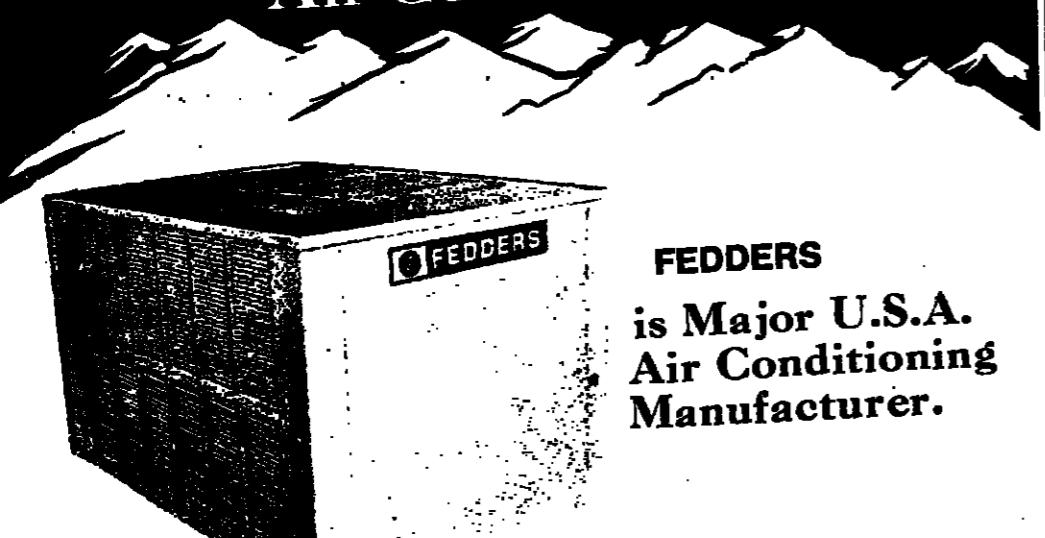
Like Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones, Washington has been welcomed here. And like the Peoples Temple, his group provides small service to the ruling People's National Congress Party in return. They show up at pro-government political rallies, demonstrate in favor of government-sponsored bills in

parliament and have on occasion helped to disrupt opposition party political gatherings.

But imports are not necessary to perform such tasks here and the reason such cults are accepted is more complex.

They are a complicated mix of ideology, ethnic politics, internal political expediency and international image, according to experienced observers of Guyana. And in some instances, the question that has confronted the government with such groups is not so much whether they want them here, as what it feels it would look like if they turned them away. —(WP)

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Kingdom's soccer hopes dashed by tie with Qatar

BANGKOK, Dec. 12 (R) — Saudi Arabia's slim chances of a second-round place in the Asian Games soccer tournament faded almost to zero Tuesday night as Qatar made a stunning fight-back to snatch a 2-2 draw in their Group B match.

A two-goal blitz in only two minutes by Mansour Bakit gave a surprising draw against a Saudi side that showed three changes from the team that lost 1-0 to China and looked much better for them. The game was delayed by 12 minutes by the failure of one of the floodlights.

The Saudis were ahead in the 14th minute through Saudi Jasim, who latched onto the ball six yards out after Issa Hamdan had weaved his way

down the left and centred. Jasim beat Qatar's diving goalkeeper Hussain Muhammad and the ball came back off the post, hit the prostrate goalie and rolled over the line.

Saudi Arabia never looked under serious pressure in the first half and with both Qatari goals coming from high crosses, the loss of Saudi goal keeper Salam Marwan in the 45th minute must have been the major cause of its collapse.

Marwan was taken to hospital almost unconscious after he dived at the feet of a Qatari forward — after the whistle had already blown for a foul on him — and received a bad blow on the neck.

But in the 54th minute Saudi Arabia went further ahead

through Ahmed Sughir. He gleefully slammed the ball home after Hussain could only palm away a shot from Jasim, who had powered past three Qatari defenders.

The tough-tackling Saudi defenders had given little away to a Qatari attack that appeared to have little penetration until the 69th minute when Bakit headed home a cross from Yusif Al-Rumahi, 60th minute substitute for Abdulla Osman.

A minute later he was back again for the most spectacular goal of the match. Hassan Al-Swadi, who had looked capable of tearing holes in the Saudi defense in the second half, left two defenders standing to hook a high center into the middle where Bakit ran on to the ball at high speed to head in.

Meanwhile, archrival Iraq beat China, 2-0. China beat the Kingdom on a single first-half goal Sunday.

Basketball

In basketball, the Saudi team took a one-point lead over the Philippines midway through the first half, but, as on Sunday against South Korea, the side faded and lost, 87-73. Takroni Aghd had 23 points as the Saudis lost a second game to one victory.

Meanwhile, their visitors Sunday, South Korea, had to make up for a sluggish start to down Pakistan, 107-92, for a clean sweep of its preliminary games.

North Korea beat Japan, 100-75, handing the Japanese their first loss against three victories and retaining their own three-game record clean. Malaysia downed Hong Kong, 114-76 and Thailand boosted its record to 2-0 with a 78-74 win over Iraq.

Table tennis

In table tennis the Saudi players were outclassed by Japan, which won all five matches in straight games.

Games medals table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	14	14	14
Japan	14	9	9
North Korea	7	4	4
Thailand	3	4	0
Philippines	1	1	1
South Korea	0	7	4
Indonesia	0	1	2
Singapore	0	1	0
Pakistan	0	0	1
Hong Kong	0	0	1



CUP DOUBLES: American Bob Lutz prepares to put a winner past Britain's Mark Cox while Stan Smith watches from baseline on the U.S. pair's way to a shutout victory in Davis Cup doubles Saturday.

U.S. athletics body bars 18 swimmers from events

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12 (R) — The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) said Monday it had suspended 18 of America's top swimmers from international competition for periods ranging from three months to two years.

The AAU declined to name the suspended swimmers and gave no details of their alleged offences except to say they broke the AAU's code of conduct.

The suspensions stemmed from two separate incidents.

The most serious involved three women and two men who, according to the "New York Times" and "The Washington Post," were accused of taking drugs at a training camp in Colorado Springs.

None of the drugs was related to improving performances, the newspapers said.

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Hurt

America's Davis Cup image has been hurt by the refusal of Jimmy Connors to play. Now, with so many other top players, and particularly with the eager McEnroe, Trabert can field an experienced team. While one player might play spectacularly in one round, he might pass up the next for a lucrative appearance in a tourney.

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Victory, sponsors may revive American zeal for Davis Cup

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, Dec. 12 (AP) — With the Davis Cup safely in their possession after five years of defeat, U.S. officials hope winning John McEnroe and an infusion of commercial interest, will revive Americans' interest in the once-prestigious international competition.

"Now you have to remind people that the Davis Cup is the Super Bowl of tennis. We want to make it so that the Super Bowl is the Davis Cup of football." That was the refrain here over the weekend, recited by officers of Congoleum Corp., which contributed \$40,000 to the American team in its mission against Great Britain, plus untold dollars for promotion, television and entertainment.

The five-match championship series yielded up a new hero, 19-year-old McEnroe, who trounced Britain's John Lloyd in the opening match and clinched the cup in the fourth match with a blistering defeat of top-ranked-Englishman Buster Mottram.

McEnroe, who is ranked in the top 10 in the world after only six months as a pro, played superbly and figures to be shooting for a top ranking some time very soon.

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Norway pulls out**Italy will join EMS**

ROME, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti told parliament Tuesday that Italy has decided to immediately enter the European Monetary System (EMS). The decision drew negative reactions from Communists and Socialists, threatening to topple the nine-month old cabinet.

The premier's announcement came at the end of a meeting of the all-Christian Democrat government Tuesday morning.

The Communists and Socialists,

India, Pakistan to receive Belgian interest-free loans

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (AP) — Belgium Tuesday signed treaties with India and Pakistan granting both countries interest free loans totaling 500 million francs (\$16.6 million), the foreign ministry announced.

India's loan amounted to 350 million francs (\$11.6 million) and Pakistan's to 150 million francs (\$5 million).

The 30-year loans, with a

ten-year grace period, are being provided to finance India and Pakistan's purchase of Belgian goods, equipment and services.

The treaties, which become effective Tuesday, were signed for Belgium by Foreign Trade Minister Hector de Bruyne, Ambassador M.P.K. Davis signed for India and Ambassador Qamar Ul Islam for Pakistan.

lists, who have supported the minority cabinet in parliament, said the decision was premature and the guarantees offered to Italy's shaky economy by other EMS partners were insufficient.

The Socialists, the country's third largest party, called for an immediate summit of the leaders of the five parties supporting the cabinet, to discuss the controversial issue.

"An extremely difficult situation has developed for the parties backing the government and we feel their secretaries

should be invested with the responsibilities on the cabinet," Socialist Party Secretary Bettino Craxi said.

A meeting of Communist leaders upheld the party's negative stand toward the EMS.

Without the support of the Socialists and Communists Andreotti's government would not have a majority in parliament.

The Socialists and the Communists had opposed Italy's participation in the EMS effective Jan. 1, without certain concessions to give the lira greater protection against other stronger European currencies.

The other three parties supporting the government, including the Premier's Christian Democrats, firmly supported the decision.

Andreotti had held talks with leaders of all parties since his return from Brussels, and telephone contacts with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, architects of the EMS.

Earlier however Norway announced Monday night it would not link its currency with the EMS.

It would also pull out of the joint European float or "snake" as from Tuesday, Prime Minister Odvar Nordli added in a statement.

The Norwegian decision to stay outside the EMS is the latest blow to the scheme for stabilizing West European currencies following the hesitations of the British and Irish about joining.

Norway was the only country outside the Common Market to remain in the "snake" — a small European grouping whose national currencies fluctuate within a narrow margin against each other. The other "snake" members — West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Denmark — joined France last week in setting up the EMS.

OAPEC to meet losses of tanker repair yard

ABU DHABI, Dec. 12 (R) — Seven Arab oil exporting states Tuesday decided to meet in full the anticipated losses over the next few years of a huge tanker repair yard they jointly own in Bahrain and to finance the yard's proposed expansion plans, it was officially announced here.

Sheikh Khalifa said the board had also approved an amendment to the ASRY statutes which would allow it to go ahead with plans for steel fabrication.

He said this would allow the company to consolidate its operations.

Khalifa would not estimate the expected operating losses of the company or the period over which it was likely to need subsidizing.

The ASRY dry dock can handle tankers of up to 500,000 tons and was built at a cost of \$300 million.

ASRY is a project sponsored by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) which is holding a regular conference here. The ASRY board is composed of the oil ministers of the seven owners — Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar,

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

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He gave no other figures of the draft budget which would be discussed and approved by the UAE cabinet before its release next year.

UAE budget estimated at \$4 billion

ABU DHABI, Dec. 12 (R) — Preliminary estimates of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) 1978 budget reached 12 billion dirhams (about four billion dollars) with an increase of 1.5 billion dirhams (about \$395 million) compared with 1978 budget. UAE Finance Undersecretary Muhammad al-Tayyar said according to the semi-official daily "al-Ittihad."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.10	6.0
Deutsche Mark (100)	11.50	11.25
Swiss F (100)	200.00	199.25
French F (100)	71.25	71.05
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	11.00	11.00
Syrian Lira (100)	81.25	82.00
Egyptian Pound	4.55	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.32	12.32
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.52
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	88.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	8.80	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.00	47.00
Iraqi Dinar	74.50	74.20
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—
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* Municipality of Ad-Bekiriah	Asphalting, paving and tiling	xx	1500	Dec. 24
* Education Supervision Office, Onazah	Securing of educational aids	2	Free	Jan. 8
* Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Asphalting and lighting of Omar ibn Al-Aas street in Al-Lith	xx	200	Dec. 12
* " "	Maintaining of Al-Lith roads affected by floods	xx	200	Dec. 13
* Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Supply of military training requirements	11-98/99	100	Dec. 18
* " "	Transportation of fuel of Southern Province	12-98/99	100	Dec. 19
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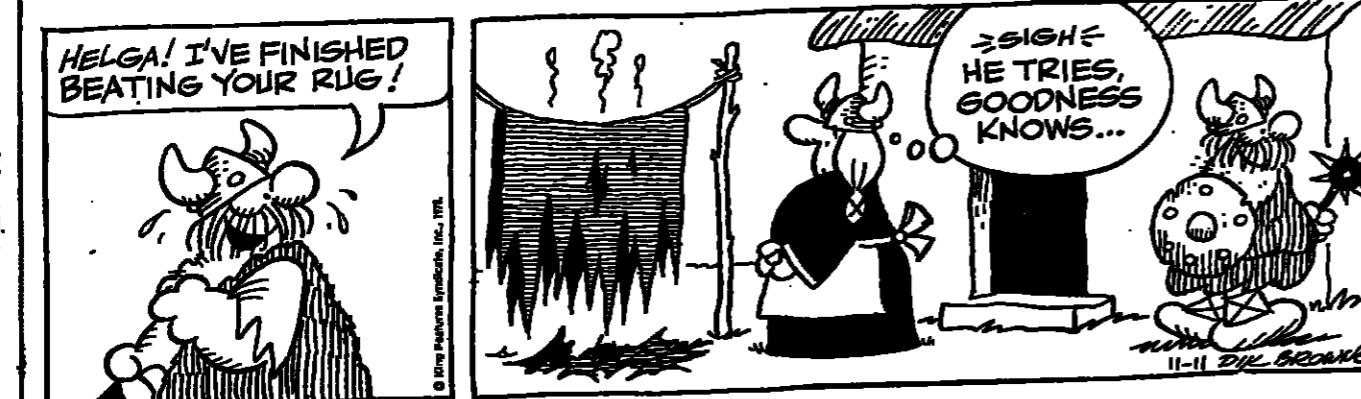
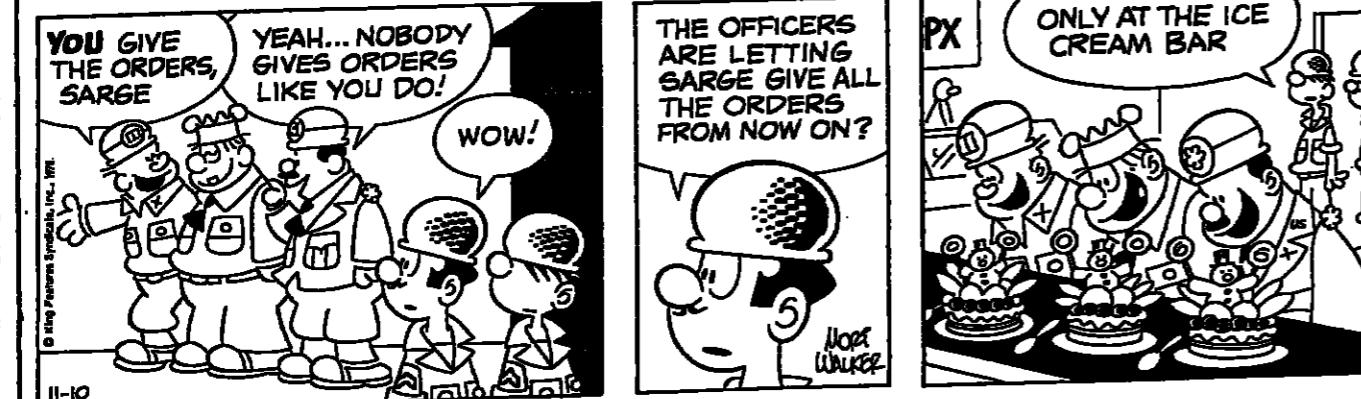
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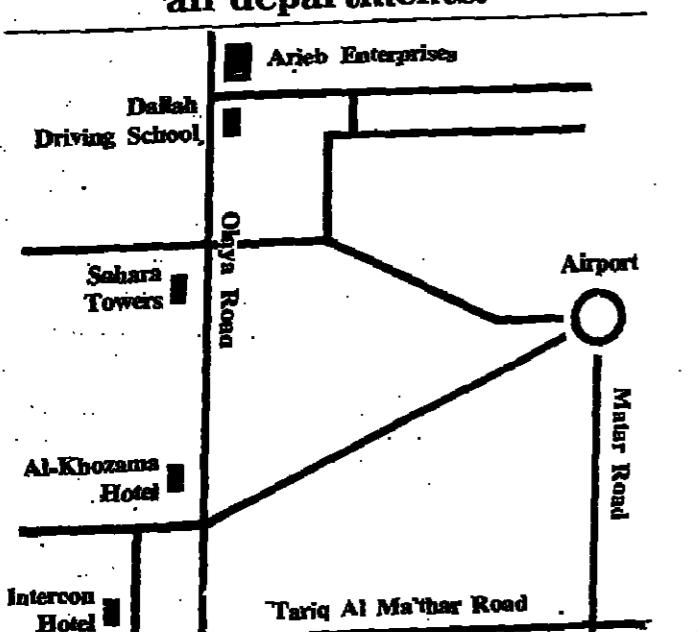
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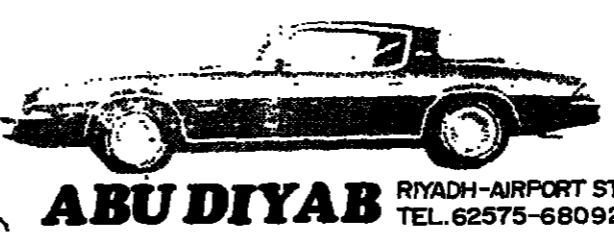
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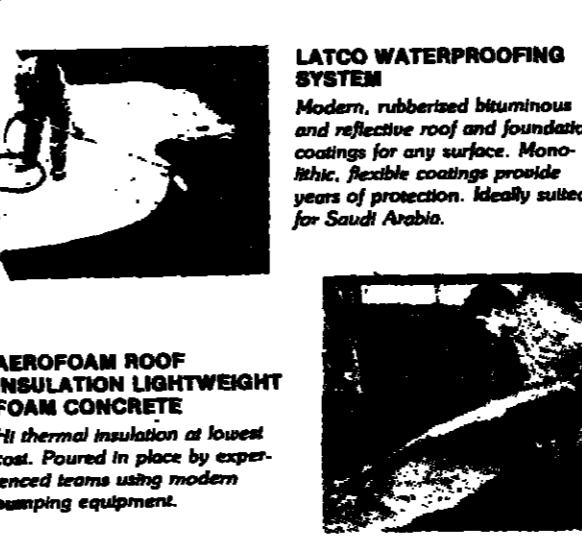
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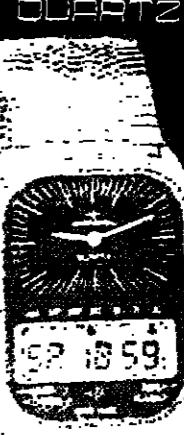
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Thorpe tried to pressure witnesses, lawyer says on hearing's last day

MINEHEAD, England, Dec. 12 (UPI) — Jeremy Thorpe tried to interfere with the course of justice by putting pressure on witnesses, the prosecution charged Tuesday in winding up the case against the former Liberal Party leader who is charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

The three lay magistrates —

a retired architect, a housewife and a farmer — adjourned the 16-day-old hearing until Wednesday to ponder whether they will send Thorpe and three other men to a full-dress jury trial.

Thorpe, 49, is accused of conspiring to murder former male model Norman Scott, 38, to save his political career after

Scott threatened to make public some damaging information.

Queen's Counsel Peter Taylor, leading the prosecution, wound up the Crown's case by charging that Thorpe sought to pressure witnesses against testifying against him. He said there was evidence "of Mr. Thorpe trying to inter-

fer with the course of justice.

He said one instance occurred in April, when Thorpe sought out co-defendant David Holmes to put pressure on key prosecution witness Peter Besell, a former Liberal Party member of parliament to prevent his coming from California to testify.

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"Don't you want to admit that you disguised your voice during these five calls. Don't you want to admit it so that —



Fawaz opens Jeddah's Meridien

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 (UPI) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz officially opened the Meridien Hotel here Tuesday night at a reception attended by a number of Saudi and foreign dignitaries.

The hotel has been open for

business since July, 1978 and has been booked solidly since then according to its owners. Sheikh Muhammed Al Anwar of the Saudi Arabian Hotel Corporation is the principal Saudi co-owner. Air France also owns stock in the hotel.

Henri G. Marescot, chairman of the board and chief executive of Meridien Hotels, said construction costs for the Jeddah Meridien reached SR240 million and predicted a SR95 million turnover in 1979.

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Carter

the Vance-Gromyko meeting would be made later Tuesday in Washington and Moscow. On other matters, Carter said:

—He has not yet decided whether to seek removal of federal price controls on gasoline, adding that Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and

Alfred Kahn, chairman of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, are reassessing the prospect of lifting the ceiling in view of the nation's inflation problems.

—He has reached a decision on whether to seek a second term, but declined to disclose it.

—He is concerned about the growing investment of the oil companies in the competitive sources of energy supply.

French

France agreed that no effort should be spared in the search for peace. But... "our two countries also agree that no lasting settlement is possible unless it responds to the legitimate aspirations of all parties..."

Giscard said France wanted Jordan to play a full and "constructive role in the conclusion of a final settlement."

In a speech Monday night, King Hussein said there could be no peaceful solution in the Middle East without recognition of Palestinian rights.

40 reported

Machinegun position around the city and truckloads of troops backed by armored vehicles patrolled flashpoint areas of the capital.

The official Iran Radio warned in a broadcast that the country could be plunged into civil war if the political fighting does not stop.

Vance

avoided almost any public comment on the course of the negotiations. Vance, meanwhile, has claimed he is making progress — but has provided few details.

Sadat has been fasting for more than a week and appears thinner than at last September's Camp David summit with President Carter and Begin.

Khaled

Iouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs and the Kingdom's ambassador to Zaire, Sheikh Ahmad Badrudin.

The Zairean team included Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Umra Di Lutete, Planning Minister Mulumba Lukoji, Energy Minister Tshisungu Lumbamu and Finance Minister Emony Mondanga.

Meanwhile the Shah's opponents maintained economic pressure on the Shah to step down, spearheaded by a nine-day strike by oil industry workers that has cut Iran's daily oil production to 1.2 million barrels — almost one sixth of the normal level of 6 million barrels a day.

The strike is costing Iran, which depends on oil exports for economic survival, some \$60 million a day.

Arab

Iabi, another Iraqi who recently left OAPEC to become assistant secretary-general of OPEC. The OAPEC statement also said the conference had reviewed the results of talks with the European Economic Community and decided to continue discussions with the EEC on matters of mutual interest.

Informed conference sources said earlier Tuesday the OAPEC ministers decided to press ahead with negotiations with the EEC.

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Late News



Vance, Gromyko meet on SALT Dec. 21, 22

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will meet in Geneva on Dec. 21 and 22 to try and conclude a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), the Soviet Tass news agency said Tuesday.

Vance, now in the Middle East trying to coax Egypt and Israel into signing a peace treaty by next Sunday, made it known in Cairo Monday that he would meet Gromyko before the end of the year.

In Washington, President Carter told a televised news conference that the United States and the Soviet Union had made good progress on a strategic nuclear arms agreement.

"We've made good progress. I can't say we've reached an

agreement," Carter replied when asked about reports that the two nations had reached a tentative SALT accord.

Carter said there would be a summit meeting between himself and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev when a SALT agreement is reached.

Jean-Felix Paschoud, a lawyer for the Chaplins, testified

five of the dozens of calls he received appeared to be from a different man.

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Manchester United wants costliest British transfer

LONDON, Dec. 12 (R) — Manchester United wants to complete the biggest transfer deal in British soccer history by signing Argentine World Cup stars Daniel Passarella and Ultaldo Fillol, according to press reports Tuesday.

The English First Division club is apparently trying to raise one million pounds (\$2 million) to buy Argentine captain and center defender Passarella and Goalkeeper Fillol.

If negotiations between United, the players and their club, River Plate, are successful, the transfer fee will probably surpass the club's \$80,000 pounds (\$1,760,000) signing of Scotland internationals Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan earlier this year.

Russian bear sees red at Swiss students U.N.

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (AP) — An annual mock United Nations meeting that has been staged for 25 years by Swiss students was thrown out of the United Nations building Tuesday after an official protest by the Soviet mission.

The protest followed adoption by the 500-member Student United Nations of a resolution that called for the expulsion from the U.N. of the

Ukraine and Byelorussia, republics within the Soviet Union.

Both are full members of the United Nations, as is the Soviet Union.

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